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SUBJECT: JACK ANDERSON DECEMBER 20 COLUMN ON PARAGUAY

1. THE EMBASSY HAS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE PEOPLE CITED IN ANDERSON'S COLUMN OF DECEMBER 20:

A) THERE IS A MAJOR OR LT. COL (RET) LEOPOLDO PERRIER WHO WAS FORMERLY A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM AND SAID TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT FROM A PLOT ON HIS LIFE IN THE 60'S. PERRIER'S DAUGHTER ORNIECE IS MARRIED TO MARIO ABDO BENITEZ, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL SECRETARY. ACCORDING TO ALL REPORTS, PERRIER IS A THOROUGHLY DESPICABLE PERSON, INVOLVED IN PROSTITUTION AND ILLEGAL GAMBLING, WITH TIES TO PERSONS CONNECTED WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME, INCLUDING NARCOTICS. PERRIER IS AID TO HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT STROESSNER AND TO HAVE PROVIDED FEMALE COMPANIONSHIP FOR THE PRESIDENT.

B) MIGUEL ANGEL SOLER WAS A LEADER OF A FACTION OF THE PARAGUAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP) WHO RETURNED CLANDESTINELY FROM EXILE IN 1975. HE AND MANY OTHER PCP MEMBERS WERE PICKED UP IN DECEMBER 1975 IN CONNECTION WITH AN ALLEGED PLOT ON THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE. SOLER "DISAPPEARED" IN DECEMBER 1975.

2. EMBASSY CAN NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THE EVENTS CITED IN THE ANDERSON COLUMN. THE CHARGES OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS PROBABLY HAVE SOME FACTUAL BASE. COUNTRY FAMILIES DO GIVE THEIR

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DAUGHTERS TO CITY FAMILIES WHICH PROMISE TO RAISE AND EDUCATE THE GIRLS. ABUSES OF THE SYSTEM ARE SAID TO OCCUR. MRS. RODRIGUEZ'S STORY OF BEING PICKED UP BY THE POLICE RINGS TRUE. IF HER NAME APPEARED IN SOLER'S PAPERS, SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN DETAINED. HER STORY OF HER TREATMENT COINCIDES WITH OTHER REPORTS OF THE WAY PASTOR CORONEL AND HIS POLICE OPERATE. THE REPORT OF HER RELEASE BECAUSE OF HIGH CONNECTIONS ALSO CONFORMS

TO THE PARAGUAYAN PATTERN.

3. AMBASSADOR PROVIDED TEXT OF STORY TO FOREIGN MINISTER
NOGUES AT LATTER'S INITIATIVE AND REQUEST. STORY HAS NOT APPEARED
IN PRESS HERE AND WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ANY REACTION BY GOP OFFICIALS, AND
INFORMATION DEVELOPED WHICH SHEDS MORE LIGHT ON THE ALLEGATIONS
IN THE COLUMN. INFORMATION PROVIDED IS FOR
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